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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SBUEJCT: VICE PRESIDENT MUBARAK'S TRIP TO SAUDI ARABIA

1. VICE PRESIDENT MUBARAK TOLD ME THIS MORNING HE WOULD BE LEAVING AT 1130 TODAY (AUGUST 30) FOR SAUDI ARABIA. I TRIED TO DRAW HIM OUT ON PURPOSE OF TRIP BY SAYING I THOUGHT HE WAS SUPPOSED TO ATTEND EGYPTIAN NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:30 THIS EVENING IN ISMAILIA, BUT MUBARAK SAID ONLY THAT HE HAD READ THE MATERIAL PREPARED FOR CAMP DAVID AND THERE WAS NO NEED FOR HIM TO ATTEND NSC MEETING.

2. COMMENT: THERE HAS BEEN NO INDICATION IN PRESS THAT MUBARAK WOULD BE TRAVELING TO SAUDI ARABIA. PRESS HAS REPORTED THAT MUBARAK MET ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, WITH SAUDI AMBASSADOR, WHO GAVE HIM A MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT SADAT FROM KING KHALID. WE THEREFORE ASSUME THAT HE WILL BE CARRYING A RESPONSE FROM SADAT TO KHALID ABOUT THE CAMP DAVID TALKS. PRESS TODAY REPORTS THAT MUBARAK WILL ATTEND FRIDAY EVENING PRAYERS AT CAIRO'S AL-AZHAR
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MOSQUE WITH THE AMBASSADORS FROM ISLAMIC COUNTRIES AND THAT HE WILL MAKE HIS BAIRAM PRAYERS IN ANOTHER CAIRO MOSQUE SEPTEMBER 3 OR 4. MUBARAK'S TRIP THEREFORE SEEMS TO BE A HASTILY ARRANGED QUICK TURN-AROUND.
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